



Dear Participants, Families, and Friends:

Welcome to the Fall 2007 Family Matters bulletin from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). The flyer is provided to participants who are currently enrolled in DDD, but who are not receiving any paid services.

- At any time, visit the DDD Internet website to find useful information on division programs, services, and links to additional resources: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/index.shtml>.
- All Family Matters bulletins and flyers are posted at this site <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/index.shtml>.

Enclosed are two educational flyers:

- "Working Age Adults Work" – this flyer has frequently asked questions and answers about the DDD Working Age Adult Policy.
- "Childcare Resources" – this flyer gives information about how to access childcare and day care information and resources.



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more information!**

Special Education Resources

This issue provides resources about special education for caregivers and family members who are parenting and supporting children and youth in school district special education programs. Some resources for community college options for young adults are also included.

To find out if your child is eligible for special education, contact your local school and make a special education referral for your child. You can also call 360/725-6000 and ask for special education.

Special Education Coalition (<http://www.wssec.org/>)

- President, Mary McKnew, mmcknew@comcast.net or Christie Perkins, edadvocate@mac.com 253/588-0637

Special Education Information On Federal And State Rules

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) (<http://www.k12.wa.us/>)

Phone: 360/725-6000; TTY 360/664-3631.

- **Family/Educator Guide** (http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/pubdocs/family_educator_guide/) *To request a hard copy of the Family Educator Guide call and ask for special education.*
- **Special Education and the Law** (http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/pubdocs/special_education_law_guide.pdf)

U.S. Department of Education (<http://idea.ed.gov/explore/home>)

Parents and Teachers

Parents and Teachers Working Together (http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev124.shtml)

Center for Change in Transition Services (<http://www.seattleu.edu/ccts>) Phone: 206/296-6494

Education Advocacy

Parents are Vital to Education (PAVE) (<http://www.washingtonpave.com/programs.asp>)

- **PAVE CORE Project** (<http://www.projectcore.org/>)
Phone: 253/565-2266 (V/TTY) | 800/5-PARENT (V/TTY)

Sound Options Group, LLC (<http://www.somtg.com/index.htm>) Phone: 206/842-2298

Legal Resources

Disability Rights Washington (<http://www.disabilityrightswa.org/>)

Phone: 206/324-1521 / Toll free: 800/562-2702

TTY: 206/957-0728 / Toll free: 800/905-0209

Northwest Justice Project (<http://www.nwjustice.org/>)

■ **Coordinated Legal Education, Advice and Referral (CLEAR)** (http://www.nwjustice.org/about_njp/clear.html)

Phone: 888/201-1014 / King County 206/464-1519

Washington Law Help (<http://www.lawhelp.org/WA/index.cfm>)

TTY: 888/201-9737

Columbia Legal Services (<http://www.columbialegal.org/>)

Phone: 206/464-1122 / TTY: 206/464-1518

Special Education Ombudsman (<http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Ombudsman.aspx>)

■ **Question and Answer paper** (http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/pubdocs/ombudsman/Ombudsman_Q_and_A.pdf)

Phone: Kristin Hennessey at 360/725- 6075 or khennessey@ospi.wednet.edu

College Information

Thinkcollege.net <http://www.thinkcollege.net/>

Disability Support Services Council in Washington State (http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/_g-wssscdisabilitysupport.aspx)

Phone: 360/704-4400 and ask for the Disability Support Services Council

College Planning for Students with Disabilities: Supplement to Education Quest Foundation's College Prep Handbook <http://www.answers4families.org/family/pdf/DisabilityHB.pdf>

"Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities,"


Pamphlet www.ed.gov/ocr/transition.html

"How do the rights and responsibilities of high school students with disabilities change as they enter college?"
(<http://www.washington.edu/doit/articles?47>)

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